

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Joseph H. Sklar et al.  
Serial No.: 09/715,714  
Filing Date: 11/17/2000  
For: FIXATION SCREW, GRAFT LIGAMENT ANCHOR  
ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR SECURING A  
GRAFT LIGAMENT IN A BONE TUNNEL  
3738  
Group Art Unit: Bruce Edward Snow  
Examiner: INNO-31  
Attorney's Docket No.:  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

PETITION FOR A FURTHER AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a further one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed March 25, 2004 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from August 25, 2004 to September 25, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$530.00 (\$950.00 - \$420.00 already paid = \$530.00) is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. Please see attached copy of SUBMISSION OF DEFICIENCY PAYMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.28(c). This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of Large Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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